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Appeal of SLD Decision and Request for Waiver Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445-12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

This is a letter to respectfully request that the FCC overturn the SLD decision to deny the

appeal for:

Applicant Name:

Toledo Academy of Learning

Billed Entity Number: Form 471Application Number:

221634 472874

SLD Funding Year:

2005

Toledo Academy of Learning filed E-Rate Form 471 # 472874 electronically (on-line) within the filing window using the most up to date format provided by SLD. All of this was done in a timely manner. The signature page was mailed in separately in support of this filed application (also inside the filing window) and represented certification for the information filed electronically on the 471 application form.

SLD denied our certification page submission as not complying with Minimum Processing Standards because they concluded that the signature page mailed in did not bear the most up-to-date code at the bottom right hand corner of the page.

In our opinion, the SLD erred in its denial of our Form 471 because it did not recognize us as having filed the requisite signature certification page. The actual Form 471 application and all information therein being certified, was provided on-line and by definition, in the most up to date format available. Toledo Academy should not be penalized for submitting a timely signature page to certify the information given in the on-line application. It is the information filed on the Form 471 that is relevant to the processing standards. The "wet" signature is just to verify and certify that what was submitted on-line was indeed correct. And the information provided was submitted on the proper Form 471.

We respectfully submit that the certification page, whatever the date at the bottom of the page, was signed and dated inside the window, and forwarded to SLD inside the window.

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The page was utilized as a legitimate proxy to certify an electrically submitting, complete, application that was as posted at the time on the SLD website. We suggest and hope that the FCC will determine that our Form 471 application was legitimately certified inside the filing window and order SLD to reinstate Form 471 number 472874 to be forwarded to application review.

We would also request that, in absence of the means to provide a policy decision upon review of this appeal, that FCC consider a waiver of the specific processual requirement and provide relief and reinstatement of the eligibility of Toledo Academy of Learning's Form 471 application which was provided complete and on time to the SLD.

Do not hesitate to contact us should you need further information or wish to discuss this appeal in further detail.

Respectfully submitted,

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